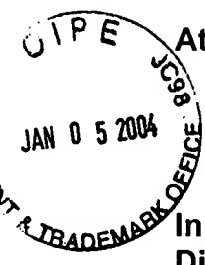


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Sir:

Responsive to a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers that required correction of the margins of the seven drawings submitted with the patent application, Applicants submitted to the Office of Petitions on 11/10/2003 a set of drawings that was correct as to margins under 37 CFR 1.84(g). The drawings were, mistakenly, numbered in reverse order. Submitted herein are the seven drawings numbered correctly, as originally filed.

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